COMMON BROOM.

NAMES.

A. ρυ

G. Σπαρτον.

L. Genista.

I. Genestra.

G. Genst.

F. Genet.

S. Genestra.

D. Brem.

PARTS USED.

The Stalks, Flowers, and Seeds.

PREPARATIONS

a fixd Salt.

PLACE.

Is on Heaths, Commons, and Waste Grounds.

TIME.

It blossoms in April and May.

DESCRIPTION.

The Roots are thick, woody, running so deep in the Ground that tis difficult to root out. The Stalks 1, or woody Part of the Shoots is round, with a smooth full green Bark; with five Corners 2, where tis cut Transversly. The Leaves are a small Trefoil, as on the Stalks, and at 3, of a dull bluesh Green, covert with very short white Hairs. The Empalement is a very thin Cup, that extends itself with Points above and below, which shorten as the Flowers grow: see them on the Flower-Buds of different Growths. The Flowers 4 are a very fine warm Yellow, looking soft like Velvet, at 5, is a Flower cut half away, which shews the Seed-Vessel, &c. The young Pod is enclosed in a very thin whitish Skin, that divides into eight Parts 6; forming four long and four short Cleves, from whose Center grows the Style, that is very long, hairy, turnd round 7. The Summits are long, the Farina is very small and Yellow; one Side of the Pod 8 with the Seeds that are smooth, shining and compressed on the Sides 9.

VIRTUES.

Broom infused in Beer or Wine, being Diuretic is allowd to be good against Dropsy, and Jaundice; tis often burnt and the Ashes infused in Wine, which when Filtered is drank for the same Intention; being thought a more powerful Remedy.

T. Sheldrake delin. C.H. Hemerich sculp.

M. B. G.